



McLendon Hills

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Social Committee Update . . .

Rachel Carr



FALL IMAGERY: Hoodies, hot cocoa, Russian Tea, boots, comfy jeans, cuddling, crackling fires, crisp air, falling leaves, flushed cheeks, pumpkin everything, AND football. For many of us, autumn's arrival brings an increased number of commitments, activities and schedules. And, your Social Committee has planned several events to add to your calendars.

The Pavilion provides us with a beautiful venue for staging all sorts of activities. The Labor Day Potluck, which informally heralded the end of summer, was enthusiastically attended by longtime residents as well as those who have recently moved into their homes. There were also several neighbors who are currently building who were able to attend. All seventy-plus attendees enjoyed a variety of favorite covered dishes from McLendon Hills cooks.

Coming also to the Pavilion this fall is Yoga on Mondays, Dancing on Wednesdays, the Halloween Hayride and Trunk or Treat, and a "Crock-A-Cheer." As with all planned activities, more information is provided through mailbox flyers, the POA website and email blasts.

Below is a list of events and proposed dates for exciting happenings for this fall. You don't want to miss a single one!

FALL 2019 SCHEDULED EVENTS

October 2, 7:00 p.m. — Line Dancing

October 12, 7:00 a.m.-noon — Fall Yard Sale

October 31 — Halloween Hayride
and Trunk or Treat

November 2 — Semi-annual POA Meeting

TBD — Hanging of the Greens

December 8 — "Crock-A-Cheer"

Contact details in your profile on the POA website are used to communicate official POA information so keeping your information updated is important. Please be sure to regularly check your email, mailbox, and the POA website (www.mclendonhillspoa.com) for POA announcements, community events and more. The community Facebook page is another resource for McLendon Hills and local area information.

To submit articles, ideas or photos for the next newsletter, contact Carol Houck, Communications Committee Chairperson, (410) 206-9934, cshouck171@gmail.com. The newsletter is published quarterly and input is requested by December 10th for the Winter edition.

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McLendon Hills Logo Clothing: Sale of McLendon Hills logo apparel is a fund raiser for the Social Committee, which uses no POA funds to pay for social events. If you wish to purchase apparel, contact Sharon Lasswell, at (240) 643-7091 or at Olney88@gmail.com, to arrange to see samples or catalogues of available styles and colors.

McLendon Hills Activity Groups . . .

Bunco — Daytime: 2nd Tuesday each month; Evening: 4th Thursday each month

Book Club and Garden Club — Monthly, except no meetings in June and July

Equestrians of McLendon Hills — Meetings scheduled as needed/as desired.

Ladies Lunch Bunch — 1st Thursday each month

Men's Grub Gang — 1st Thursday each month

McLendon Hills Yacht Club — April - September

Neighbors Helping Neighbors — As needed

Go to the McLendon Hills POA website (under Our Community) for more information, schedules, rosters and contacts.

Ladies Book Club . . .

Rachel Carr

After taking June and July off from our regularly scheduled 3rd Monday afternoon meetings, the McLendon Hills Ladies Book Club met at the home of Rachel Carr on August 19th at 3:00 p.m. We discussed Lilac Girls by Martha Hall Kelly and noshed on ethnic foods relative to each narrative character in the book. On September 16th, we met at the home of Carolyn Protz and discussed a memoir, Hillbilly Elegy, by J.D. Vance.

We are not going on our Greensboro Road Trip in November, but will be reading and discussing The Day the World Came to Town by Jim DeFede. This story is a true account of a small town on Newfoundland Island that hosted 38 jetliners that were forced to land there following the events of 9/11.

Woodworkers . . .

Matt Holway



Celebratory delivery of a custom-planter/pump cover.

The McLendon Hills Wood Working Club (MHWWC) is growing, with membership up to 14! We generally meet every other week or so for a few hours on either a Sunday or a Saturday, depending on schedules. We learn together about all sorts of things, like new techniques, safety, jigs, wood sourcing, and training resources. We have very diverse skill levels and interests, and all benefit from sharing inquiries, ideas and inspiration.

We've made things for the community, for individuals in McLendon Hills, for each other and for sale. We recently completed our first "commissioned" project for a neighbor, and we are helping neighbors find new homes for unused shop tools or find upgrades for their shops. We are currently making a few items to sell at the October yard sale to raise money to fund future projects like the Book Nooks, since that was funded wholly by donations by MHWWC members. Be sure to come by the MHWWC table at the yard sale and buy some locally (neighborhood) crafted items for holiday gifts.

Anyone in MH is welcome to join us--just contact Matt Holway at mpholway@gmail.com.

Lake & Wildlife Committee . . .

Peter Dotto

Bear. A black bear was seen in the community in early September. This was probably a one-time event as the bear was passing through the area. Black bears normally do not pose a threat to humans unless they feel threatened. If this happens again, homeowners are encouraged to: Not approach a bear, Not feed a bear, Not follow a bear, and Keep dogs and other small pets under tight control.

Algae Bloom. There is no evidence that the algae bloom that affected Reservoir Lake appeared in Lake Troy Douglas. We are past the danger point for this year. Algae bloom growth is enhanced by fertilizer runoff into the lake, specifically phosphorus, the middle number in most fertilizers (i.e. 10-10-10). Homeowners are again encouraged to only use fertilizer where the middle number is 0 (i.e. 10-0-10 or 8-0-8).

Venomous Snakes. A copperhead snake was seen in the spillway area behind the dam in July. A cotton mouth snake (also known as a water moccasin) was observed in our lake in September. Both are highly venomous. Most snakes will not strike unless they are startled or feel threatened. Both snakes are swimmers and when in water, their entire body floats (as opposed to non-venomous snakes who swim with just their head above water). Be observant when walking in or near tall grasses. If you see a snake, just walk away. If bitten, immediately call 911. The 911 EMTs are very responsive and carry anti-snake venom with them. It is much faster and safer than trying to get yourself to an emergency room.



Architectural Review Board (ARB)...

Earl Houck

A reminder: Any major change to your property – fences, retaining walls, major landscaping, decks, hardscape projects, etc. – requires prior approval by the ARB. Paragraphs 12 and 13 of the ARB Guidelines detail those projects that do and do not require ARB approval. If in doubt about what requires ARB approval, or other ARB matters, please contact the ARB through the 'Contact Us' tab on the McLendon Hills POA website (<http://www.mclendonhillspoa.com>).

News you can use: One item I just learned about – If you have old paint that you want to get rid of, the Eagle Springs solid waste collection site accepts cans of paint on the first Wednesday and third Saturday of each month. From the front gate, turn right on 211; at the 705 intersection (Robbins to the right), turn left onto Eagle Springs road. The collection facility is half a mile on the right.



Garden Club

A wide variety of beautiful plants grow in McLendon Hills in our landscapes and in the natural areas and wetlands. This past Spring, we learned about the importance of growing pollinators. This fall we plan to learn about plants native to our region and their importance. The fringed orchid (*Platanthera ciliaris*) (above) was among the native plants growing this summer in a property owner's wetland.

Lunch Bunch . . .

Louise Ashbridge

The 2019 McLendon Hills Lunch Bunch is going strong. We meet at a different restaurant on the first Thursday of every month. In July we gathered at Long Horn Steakhouse, in August we socialized at 195 Restaurant and had one of our largest lunch gatherings yet at 28 ladies. In September we had a fun gathering despite Hurricane Dorian at Thyme & Place. We currently have 37 ladies on the roster and usually have 16 to 22 in attendance each month. At each lunch, we recognize new members, monthly birthdays and provide dessert for the birthday ladies complements of the treasury. Lunch Bunch is open to all ladies of McLendon Hills. For more information or to sign up, please contact me at l.ashbridge@yahoo.com. We always have a good time and haven't run out of restaurants to visit yet!

DID YOU KNOW? . . .

Veterans Day:

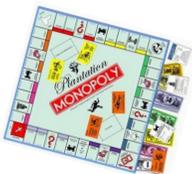
- Does not have an apostrophe.
- Is not the same as Memorial Day. Memorial Day honors those who died while in service. Veterans Day honors all military veterans, including the living.
- Started in 1919 as Armistice Day to recognize the armistice ending World War I. In 1954, President Eisenhower changed the name to Veterans Day to honor more than one set of veterans.



Some of our Veterans who were available for a photo on Flag Day 2019.

Veterans in McLendon Hills:

- Have been stationed around the globe in combat zones and in peacetime, in locations that include Vietnam, Thailand, Crete, Italy, Germany, Panama, South Korea, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Bahrain, Kuwait, Iraq, Afghanistan, and other overseas locations. They have served all across the United States, and have trained or performed temporary duty in many other overseas locations.
- Represent the U.S. Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force and Public Health Service.
- Served a cumulative total over 350 years among 25 property owners we know are Veterans. They served from 1958 to 2019, with service tours ranging from 22 months to 39.9 years.



Did you know the Social Committee has games in the storage room at the Pavilion that you may borrow? These include chess, checkers, cribbage, backgammon, dominoes, playing cards and card games of all sorts. Plus, yard darts, ring toss, ladder ball, badminton, beach paddleball and more.



Did you know? The Devil was in McLendon Hills! . . .

Jim & Deb Kreider



Yes, the Devil came to McLendon Hills! The Hickory Horned Devil Caterpillar, that is. This one was found near the shore and stayed put for a few days.

Apparently designed by a preschooler, this hot dog sized caterpillar with false eye spots attached to its chartreuse body is widespread in the eastern U.S. They are harmless, with YouTube featuring plenty of examples held in people's bare hands... we didn't try that.

According to the NC State Extension Service, Devil caterpillars burrow into soil during summer or early fall to pupate and overwinter. Most remain as pupae for 11 months although a few may take 23 months before developing into a regal moth with a wingspan of 4-6 inches.

POA Website Reminders . . .

Ed Ashbridge

- Reserve The Pavilion through the POA website when you would like to use it. It is first come / first serve. The Rules for use and calendar to reserve are found under Pavilion Information on the Home page along with other information.
- We have a photo album on the website for Members to view and post pictures from around McLendon Hills.
- Announcing a new feature, "Recipe Book", where we can share some of the best recipes from all the great cooks in our community. Please add yours.
- And again, please keep your POA website profile updated when any contact information changes.

Real Estate News....

Cristy Hunt

We like to welcome all property owners new the community over the past couple of months: Lynn and Evelyn, Lot 126; Rick and Vicki, Lot 143; Josh and Courtney, Lot 174; Umar and Mariam, Lot 228; Barb and Adam, Lot 257; Larry and Mary, Lot 358; and Thomas and Anne, Lot 344.

There are more pending sales coming soon!

New custom home construction is booming in McLendon Hills! There are currently 8 builds under way, with more soon to start.



Featured vista properties include nice views with great building sites:

Lot 228, 1.07 acres, \$38,500

Lot 288, 1.4 acres, \$55,900

Lot 221, 2.1 acres, \$55,900

Lot 212, 1.07 acres, \$58,000

Lot 216, 1.4 acres, \$79,900

Featured mini-farms include acreage for private stables or more elbow room:

Lot 310, 2 acres, \$85,000

Lot 363, 3.4 acres, \$125,000

Lot 366, 3 acres, \$109,500

Featured lakefront properties offer direct lake access with views:

Lot 140, 1.6 acres, \$150,000

Lot 106H, 2-acres, \$169,000

Lot 123, 2 acres, \$170,000

Lot 111, .92 acres, \$185,000

Lot 104, 1.3 acres, \$199,900

Lot 130, 1.49 acres, \$250,000

FALL SALES SPECIAL

Savings of \$10,000 and MORE off select parcels on developer owned lots.

** Must be entered into a contract by November 15.*

Call NOW to book your tour and select the top choice of property style suited for you!

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